

SENATOR HALL: I think that the revenue that is generated clearly provides for that, Senator Chambers, in many cases.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is the activity of gambling a positive good in your opinion?

SENATOR HALL: I think it can be. I don't gamble very much so I would say that it's something that good minds can disagree on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The basis for...

SENATOR HALL: Bad minds could disagree on it, too, for that matter.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The basis for justifying this activity and supporting it, though, is the money that is raised by it? Is that the reason for it?

SENATOR HALL: At this point in time, yes, Senator Chambers, clearly it is. It is no different than the example that you have often used, the baby that can't be weaned from the bottle. It has become a necessary source of revenue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so then it is the end that is justifying the means in this instance; the end, which is the money, that justifies the method which is the gambling?

SENATOR HALL: In this case, I think that's...there is a very good argument that can be made for that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does the church, oh, excuse me.

SENATOR HALL: I was just saying as much as I don't like to say that, I do believe that, yes, that is possible.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do the churches and the schools that engage in this activity encourage the children that they teach in school and those they instruct in church, do they teach and encourage them to gamble?

SENATOR HALL: No, I don't think they do. I don't...I have a daughter who is in a parochial school, and Annie is in the second grade, and I don't know of any instance in which she has been encouraged to gamble in any way, shape, or form.